

QUEEN ANNE PLAN

PART 1

PLAN SUMMARY



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The Neighborhood Plan
for the
Community of Queen Anne

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INTRODUCTION TO THE QUEEN ANNE PLAN

QUEENANNE'SPLAN

Queen Anne's neighborhood plan has been years in the making. It represents the collective vision, goals, and specific plans and actions identified by the Queen Anne community through an intensive collaborative process. The Plan reflects the unprecedented efforts of hundreds of active community participants, thousands of hours of volunteer and professional labor, and countless decisions made in the interest of the Queen Anne community and the City of Seattle. The *Queen Anne Plan* is the work of an active community which has worked long hours shaping its collective future.



Looking Up the Counterbalance, ca. 1900

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This "Queen Anne Plan Summary" is part of the *Queen Anne Plan* which is arranged in three parts. "Part 1 - Queen Anne Plan Summary" provides an overview of the plan and summarizes important plan features. The Summary briefly describes the planning process and summarizes Plan Goals, "Specific Plans" or integrated projects, and Planning Recommendations or actions. The Summary is intended to provide a quick reference to the *Queen Anne Plan* and serves as a handy communication tool. "Part 2 - Queen Anne Plan" describes in detail the Goals and Policies and Specific Plans (Key Integrated Strategies) and presents the Planning Recommendations in Matrix or tabular format. Part 2 also includes a discussion on Queen Anne's Character and a section of Parks and Open Space. Goals & Policies are provided for each major topic area, including Community Character, Human Services/Housing, Land Use, Parks & Open Space, Traffic & Transportation, and Business Districts. Seven Specific

Plans are described in detail as integrated projects, linking together individual Planning Recommendations which are referenced in the Matrix. "Part 3 - Appendices" presents various



technical and process-related materials and information which were used to develop the plan concepts and recommendations as well as the SEPA Checklist.

The Queen Anne Plan is based on three distinct, but interrelated components. The first element, "Goals & Policies," provides a framework of articulated values upon which the plan and its actions were conceived. These have been articulated for each of the major topic areas which were also the focus of the overall planning process. A second component, "Planning Recommendations," provides an extensive set of discreet actions identified during the process and recommended by the participants. These recommendations respond to the issues identified early in the process and constitute the individual building blocks of the plan. Each action is described in detail. The third component, the "Specific Plans," combines the individual recommendations into integrated projects or "Specific Plans." Each of the seven Specific Plans is conceptualized as a substantial stand-alone community improvement as well as an integral part of the overall *Queen Anne Plan*.

QUEEN ANNE VISION

The Queen Anne Vision Statement was identified during Phase I of the community planning process. The Vision Statement articulates the community's chosen self-image and provides a direction or reference for subsequent planning processes.

The Queen Anne Vision is as follows:

Queen Anne, a varied and exciting community in the heart of the city, is embarking on a planning process to achieve a future with:

- *A unique community character, both physical and social, which expresses its history, extraordinary assets and talented people;*
- *A sense of community and cohesiveness, marked by friendliness, communication and caring for each another;*
- *A community of active and engaged people, striving to meet local recreational, social, educational and service needs;*
- *Varied housing opportunities for a diverse population, especially including strong single family neighborhoods and attractive multifamily neighborhoods;*
- *Pleasant and safe streets and paths that encourage walking and bicycling;*
- *A sense of stewardship toward and awareness of the natural environment;*
- *Convenient access by transit and car, both within the community and to other areas;*
- *Vital commercial areas meeting local needs and, where suitable, regional needs for goods, services, entertainment, recreation and jobs;*
- *Attractive parks and natural areas for active recreation and quiet enjoyment;*
- *A feeling that persons and property are safe; and*
- *A vibrant Seattle Center, as both a valuable community resource and a premier regional amenity.*

PLANNING PROCESS

The Queen Anne neighborhood planning process was undertaken as part of the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Planning Program and has sought to build consensus around a community-defined



approach to Queen Anne's future. The *Queen Anne Plan* represents the culmination of the efforts of community volunteers who organized, identified an appropriate community process, envisioned Queen Anne's future, and worked to construct a blueprint for its realization. The process was open to all Queen Anne stakeholders - residents, property owners, business owners, and employees, and hundreds volunteered their time to meet and move the process forward. In addition, the process included an extensive community-outreach effort through which many more Queen Anners had opportunities to voice their opinions on issues and recommend solutions.

Three organizational entities were involved in the planning process - 1) the Queen Anne community; 2) the City of Seattle; and 3) a consultant planning team. Two sequential community planning organizations - the Queen Anne Planning Coalition and the Queen Anne Planning Committee (QANPC) directed the overall process through two distinct project phases. The City of Seattle's Neighborhood Planning Office guided the effort, providing continuous support through dedicated neighborhood planning project managers. A consultant planning team, selected by the QANPC and working closely with the organization, helped coordinate issues identification and outreach, provided technical planning support, and drafted the *Queen Anne Plan* document. All three of these groups participated fully and worked as a community planning team.

The process included three distinct stages. The "Pre-Planning Phase" (1995 - Summer 1996) focused on organizing interested community members into an organization dedicated to community planning and led to the creation of *the Queen Anne Neighborhood Planning Coalition*, an informal assembly of interested community organizations, institutions, and individuals.

With the formation of the Coalition, the process entered what the City's Neighborhood Planning Program termed "Phase I" (Summer 1996 - Summer 1997). The Neighborhood Planning Office (NPO) assigned a project manager to help coordinate the process, and the Coalition selected a Phase I consultant planning team to assist with technical matters. The focus of Phase I became community outreach - getting as many people involved as possible, issues identification, visioning, and "planning-to-plan" or setting up the structure to undertake a technical planning scope of work.

The third stage of the process, "Phase II," began under the guidance of the new planning organization - the *Queen Anne Planning Committee (QANPC)* which included a more formal committee structure and decision making process. A four-member Executive Committee was identified and seven Topical Committees were organized around each of the major issue topic areas identified - Community Character, Human Services/Housing, Land Use, Parks & Open Space, Traffic & Transportation, Business Districts, and Public Safety. In addition, three Geographic Committees were organized to ensure adequate outreach and representation throughout Queen Anne. These included the Urban Center Committee, the Urban Village Committee, and the Overall Queen Anne Committee (representing areas outside of the Urban Center and Urban Village).

The QANPC provided its own organization with assistance from the NPO project manager and the Phase I consultant team. The NPO project manager provided early direction during Phase II and helped the group move swiftly into the process. The same consultant team was chosen to continue with Phase II with the addition of specialists corresponding to the identified topical areas. The consultant planning team was managed by a project coordinator/administrator who worked closely with the QANPC and NPO. Planning specialists in transportation, land use, housing, historic preservation, parks planning, business districts, and urban design worked along with the QANPC during Phase II to help the QANPC and Topical Committees analyze issues and identify solutions. Each Topical Committee was assigned at least one planning consultant. With the QANPC structure in place and consultant planning team selected, Phase II moved quickly through the fall and winter of 1997-98.

QUEEN ANNE'S PLANNING AREAS

Queen Anne is one of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods and includes the site of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair (Seattle Center). The community includes Uptown Queen Anne (Lower Queen Anne) and the Seattle Center complex as well as Queen Anne Hill (Upper Queen Anne). In 1994 the City of



Seattle designated Lower Queen Anne, including the Seattle Center, as the "Seattle Center Urban Center," consistent with King County's Countywide *Planning Policies and Comprehensive Plan* and regional planning efforts by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) (1990-91). The Seattle Center Urban Center was one of five urban centers designated within the City of Seattle. Each center was allocated growth targets for population, housing, and employment, depending upon its unique circumstances.



Queen Anne Planning Area

This planning process has redesignated the Seattle Center Urban Center as the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center.

In addition, the City of Seattle tentatively designated the "Upper Queen Anne Residential Urban Village" in the City's Comprehensive Plan (1994). This Urban Village area was located in Upper Queen Anne and included the Queen Anne Avenue, W. Galer Street, and W. McGraw Street commercial areas as well as some additional multifamily and single-family residential areas. The Queen Anne Plan no longer includes this tentative designation, however.

GOALS AND POLICIES

The Queen Anne Neighborhood Planning Committee facilitated the drafting of the *Queen Anne Plan* Goals and Policies. Queen Anne Goals and Policies were developed during Phase II concurrent with the identification of Specific Plans and Planning Recommendations. Goals and Policies are included for each of the six topic areas including Community Character, Human Services/Housing, Land Use, Parks and Open Space, Transportation, and Business Districts. The complete Goals and Policies are presented in Section 3.0 of Part 2 of the *Queen Anne Plan*.



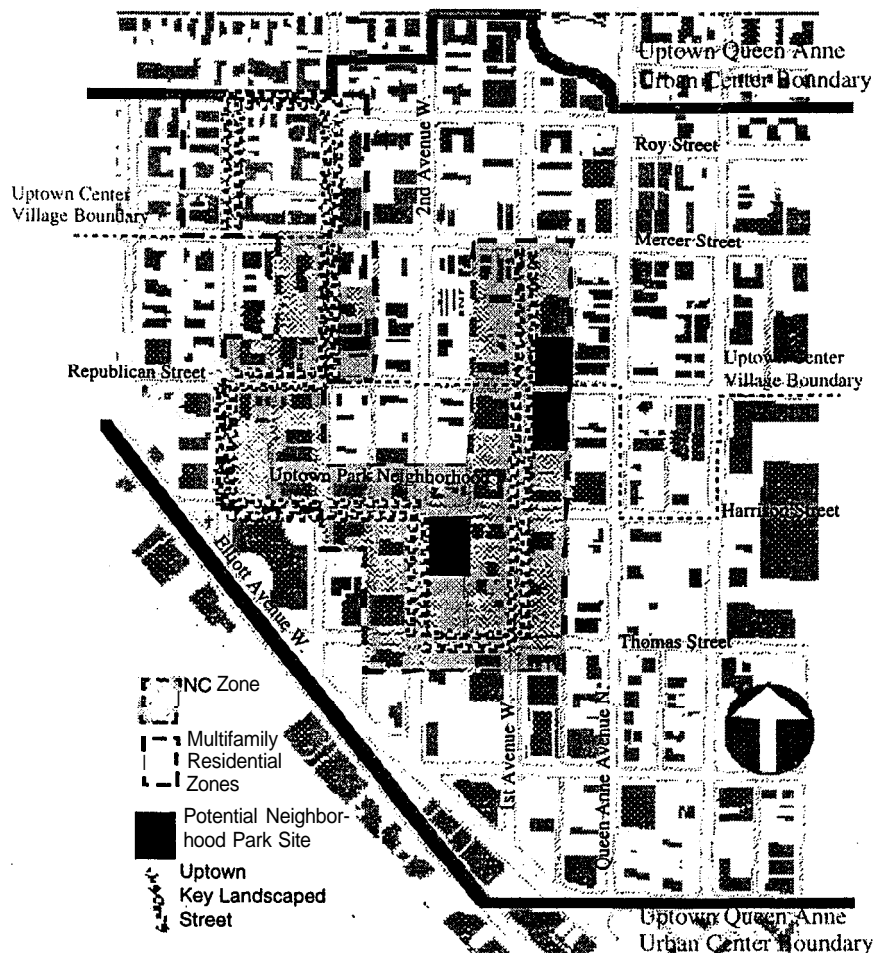
QUEEN ANNE SPECIFIC PLANS

The Queen Anne plan is organized through a series of "Specific Plans" which integrate individual "Planning Recommendations" which the QANPC believes are essential for the implementation of the Specific Plans. These targeted plans or "key integrated strategies" combine individual planning recommendations to create unique, integrated projects. The Specific Plans address the larger aspirations of the Queen Anne community and target specific geographic, social, character, and mobility objectives.

Seven Specific Plans are presented in the *Queen Anne Plan*. These include "Uptown Park Neighborhood," "Uptown Center," "Counterbalance," "Queen Anne Bicycle Beltway," "Elliott Bay Access," "Crown of Queen Anne," and "Good Neighbor Seattle Center." While many of the features and effects of these Specific Plans overlap, each addresses a specific objective.

UPTOWN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD - UPTOWN QUEEN ANNE'S RESIDENTIAL CORE

Figure 4.1



Uptown Park Neighborhood

Uptown Park is an urbane and park-like residential neighborhood which winds its way through Uptown Center west of Seattle Center. Uptown Park Neighborhood is shown in the accompanying figure. This Specific Plan concentrates multifamily residential development, extensive streetscaping, a neighborhood park, and other amenities to create a coherent and high-quality residential neighborhood in the Urban Center. This neighborhood will provide a variety of urban housing options and include both new and historic residential buildings.

Uptown Park Neighborhood is defined within the existing Urban Center zoning (NC3), but would allow the development of "Single-Purpose Residential" housing along a series of designated "Key Landscaped Streets." This green neighborhood will provide a core residential district in Uptown Queen Anne and will provide a focus and incentive for redevelopment in this area.



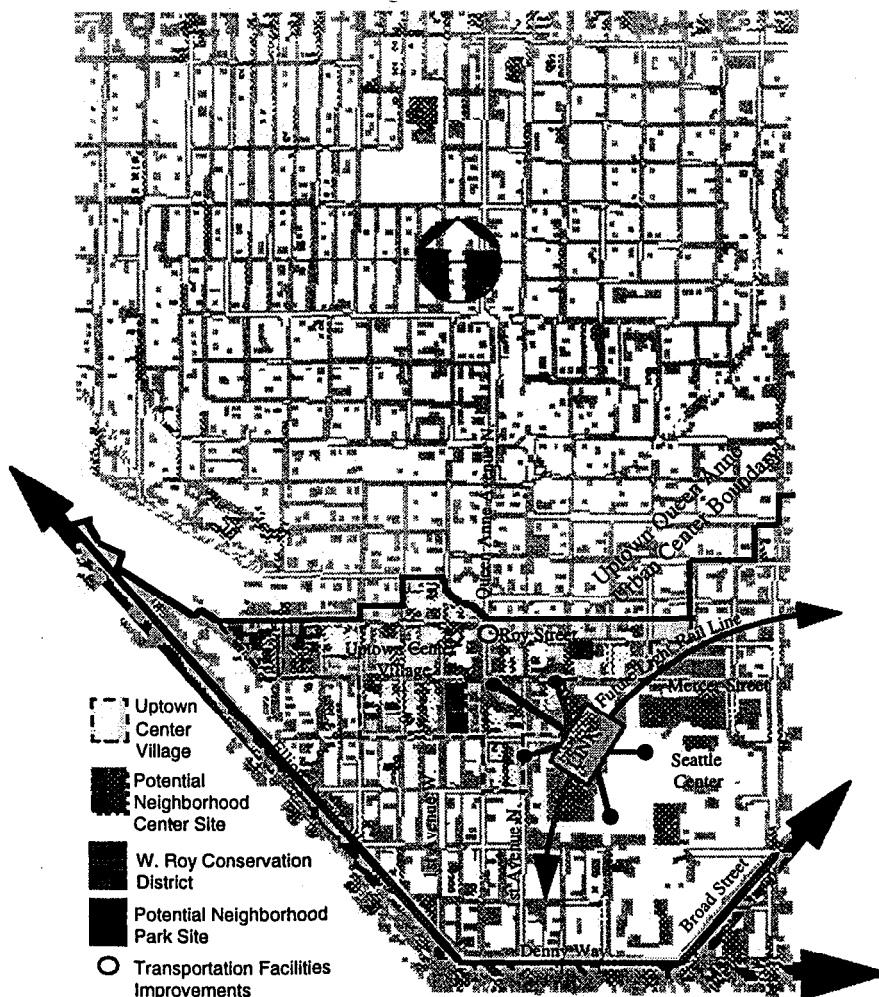
The Specific Plan also includes a neighborhood park which will reinforce the neighborhood concept and provide a focus for urban residential development.

Uptown Park Neighborhood will be characterized by its park-like streetscapes which will wind through Uptown Queen Anne west of Seattle Center. The neighborhood will be predominantly multifamily residential along this route intermixed with existing office and mixed-use activities. From above Uptown Park will be a consistent, beautiful green belt in contrast to the existing and future urban hardscape. Old and new multifamily residences will line this greenway, and these homes will be highly sought by all segments of the population.

Objective

Uptown Park Neighborhood will provide a unique high-quality residential neighborhood in the Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center which will promote appropriate redevelopment of the Urban Center and provide a safe and pleasant residential environment in the middle of the city.

Figure 4.2



Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center
& Uptown Center Village

UPTOWN CENTER - QUEEN ANNE'S CROSSROADS VILLAGE

Centered on the junctions of Queen Anne Avenue at **Mercer** and Roy Streets, Uptown Center will be the recognized crossroads of Uptown Queen Anne. Uptown Center is envisioned as a thriving and active mixed-use urban center village - the heart of Uptown Queen Anne, where everything comes together, as shown in the accompanying figure. The existing Pedestrian Overlay Zone will provide the focus for the growth of this community. Commercial activities and multifamily residences already coexist in this area, and the



combination of these uses would intensify. Uptown Center will be a high-quality, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use urban center village which will serve as Queen Anne's crossroads. Uptown Center will be a destination, but it will also be home to residents and businesses, alike.

This Specific Plan seeks to make this location into a unique urban neighborhood. "Uptown Center" is not a building strategy as much as a urban neighborhood character strategy. The *Queen Anne Plan* recognizes that this area will develop on its own under its existing NC3 zoning and current development regulations. The Uptown Center Specific Plan recommends several actions which will be essential for the creation of the unique village known as Uptown Center. An official change of name for the designated Seattle Center Urban Center to the **Uptown Queen Anne Urban Center** and the recognition that "**Uptown Center**" lies at the heart of Uptown Queen Anne is fundamental. The creation of a neighborhood center or community meeting facility is also essential to bind the developing community. Uptown Center will develop its own distinctive character, based on Uptown Center-specific design guidelines. Other recommendations will enhance the unique character of this area. The establishment of a new conservation district to preserve historic and affordable apartment buildings; improvements to identified intersections to enhance crossroads traffic flow; the reduction of heavy truck traffic to reduce pedestrian conflicts and promote safety; and the establishment of a neighborhood park to be shared with the Uptown Park Neighborhood Specific Plan.

Uptown Center will be developed in conjunction with the Uptown Park Neighborhood. These Specific Plans overlap in some areas where Uptown Park's character would predominate.

Objective

To create a viable, pleasant, and unique mixed use urban neighborhood in the Urban Center. The Specific Plan seeks to define the essential character of Uptown Center and recommends specific strategies which will catalyze the formation of this crossroads neighborhood.

COUNTERBALANCE - THE HISTORIC LINK BETWEEN UPTOWN QUEEN ANNE AND UPPER QUEEN ANNE

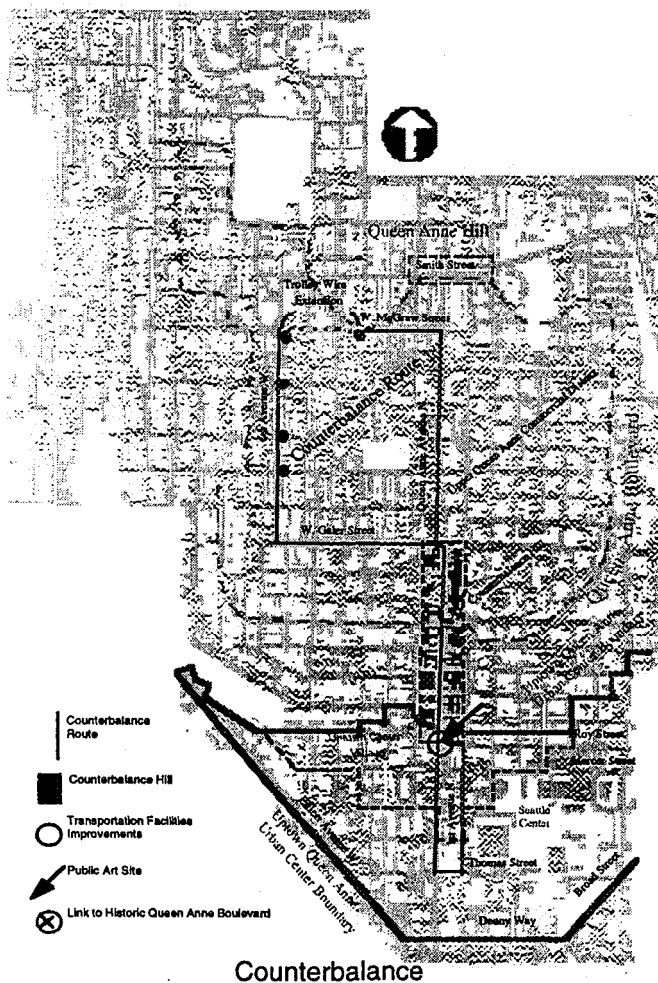
The **Counterbalance** is the link between Uptown Queen Anne and Upper Queen Anne. The Counterbalance concept ensures a consistent, convenient, continuous, and frequent transportation option throughout Queen Anne. Originating in Uptown Center, the "Counterbalance" electric trolley bus will provide a unique means to climb Queen Anne Hill to access businesses and residences in a large area of Upper Queen Anne. The system will return to Uptown Queen Anne, proceed south and loop back to Seattle Center before returning to Uptown Center. The Counterbalance Specific Plan is shown in the accompanying figure.

The original Counterbalance trolley system was one of Queen Anne's **most** distinctive and innovative features. Until the 1940s, electric trolleys on rails plied up and down Queen Anne Avenue on what came to be called the "Counterbalance." The Counterbalance was an underground weight mechanism which helped propel the trolleys up the steep hill as well as breaking their descent down the same route. Trolleys would hitch on to the Counterbalance weights under Queen Anne Avenue. The counterweight reduced the effects of gravity and allowed steady progress up and down the hill. The Counterbalance mechanism and weights are still in place under the Queen Anne Avenue, although it is no longer used. The Counterbalance approach was unique and is paid homage by this Specific Plan which recalls this original historic curiosity and provides greater mobility to today's Queen Anners.

The Counterbalance Specific Plan consists of several essential strategies or actions which will bring about significantly enhanced mobility in Queen Anne and provide a true alternative to automobile travel within the neighborhood. The idea is built around the implementation of a dedicated electric trolley bus which will circulate through both Uptown Queen Anne and Upper Queen Anne using the existing set of electric trolley wires. The trolley would operate on a figure-8 route, as shown in the figure, looping through Upper Queen Anne's retail/mixed-use district and residential areas. The trolley would return to Uptown Queen Anne and loop through Uptown Center and access Seattle



Center. The Counterbalance would augment the existing electric trolley bus system, which runs on a similar alignment, bringing **headways** along Queen Anne Avenue between Uptown Center and Upper Queen Anne to within **7 minutes**. The plan also calls for an **extension of the existing electric trolley wire** three blocks to complete the Upper Queen Anne circle route. In addition, a **unique character or "look"** would be **established** for Counterbalance vehicles.



The Counterbalance will provide convenient access to Upper Queen Anne amenities such as the Queen Anne Avenue, W. McGraw Street, and W. Galer Street retail/mixed-use districts for shopping; the historic Queen Anne Park Boulevard for recreation and scenic views (walking, jogging, and bicycling, etc.); and residential neighborhoods over a wide area of Upper Queen Anne. In Uptown Queen Anne, the Counterbalance will access the mixed-use Uptown Center, offices and businesses along Queen Anne Avenue and 1st Avenue N., Seattle Center, and will also provide a link to and from the proposed Uptown Park Neighborhood. The Counterbalance will solve a major hurdle toward establishing a truly integrated neighborhood - Queen Anne's Counterbalance Hill. This strategy has strong support, and it will go a long way toward making Queen Anne a unique and coherent community.

Achieving frequent service is the key to the Counterbalance concept, and 7-minute **headways** along Queen Anne Avenue will

provide this. The goal will be achieved by adding one or more trolley buses to the Metro existing transit service which traverse the steep Counterbalance Hill and the blocks along Queen Anne Avenue N. between Roy Street and McGraw Street. With the attainment of **7-minute headways** Queen Anners will perceive this transit service as being so frequent that knowledge of schedules will be irrelevant. This frequent service will make transit commutes an easy choice.

Objective

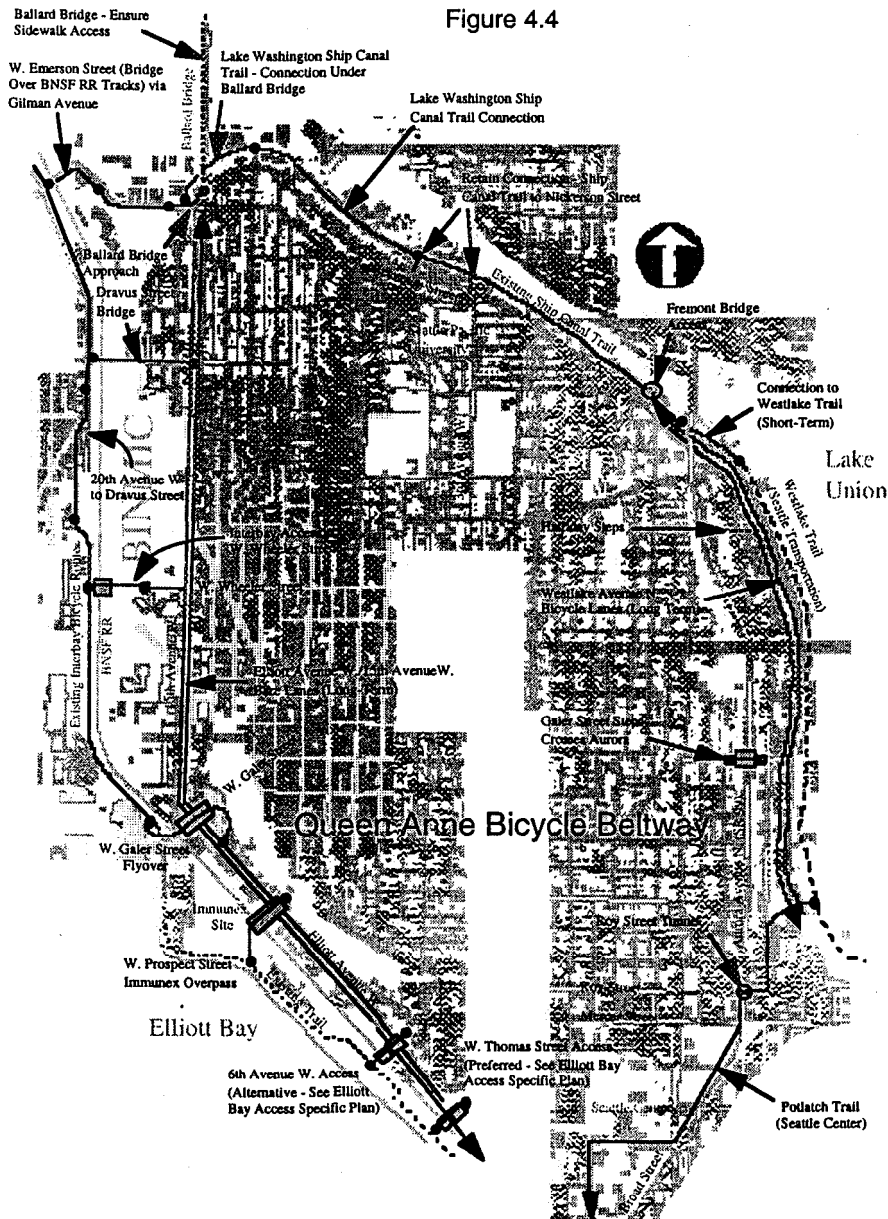
To provide a consistent, convenient, continuous, and frequent means for Queen Anners to access the important destinations within their community and to provide a strong transit link between Uptown Queen Anne and Upper Queen Anne. To provide a local mobility alternative to the automobile.



QUEEN ANNE BICYCLE BELTWAY - AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE WORKDAY AUTO COMMUTE

The Queen Anne "Bicycle Beltway" will provide a true alternative to the workday auto commute for Queen Anners and residents of other nearby neighborhoods by completing the existing network of bicycle facilities to create a comprehensive system of bicycle facilities which will encircle Queen Anne Hill. This system of facilities will enhance opportunities for commuters to leave their cars at home and safely commute to work or play by bicycle. The system also provides ample opportunity for weekend or holiday recreation. The Bicycle Beltway is shown in the accompanying figure and

specifies a set of limited improvements which will create an unparalleled bicycle network and a regional amenity.



The Beltway will function in connection with other bicycle routes (e.g., downtown, Fremont, and Ballard) to help make bicycle commuting more safe and viable for more Queen Anners and others. The goal of the Bicycle Beltway is to provide a solid alternative to the automobile for commuters accessing jobs in Queen Anne and elsewhere and to complete the local components of the regional bicycle system. Safety is a fundamental, and the Beltway provides solutions which will ensure safe travel. Queen Anne believes it is important to effectively accommodate bicycles in our roadway **rights-of-way** first, while also providing specialized recreational trails. Where this is not yet feasible, specialized bicycle facilities can play an important interim role by completing the regional network of bicycle routes.

The Bicycle Beltway will connect with employment sites such as Immunex and other Elliott Bay and South Lake Union biomedical research centers, industrial sites in BINMIC, along the Nickerson Street corridor and Seattle Pacific University, and the Adobe Software complex at the Fremont Bridge as well as other neighborhoods - Befltown, South Lake Union, Magnolia, Ballard, Fremont, and others. The Beltway

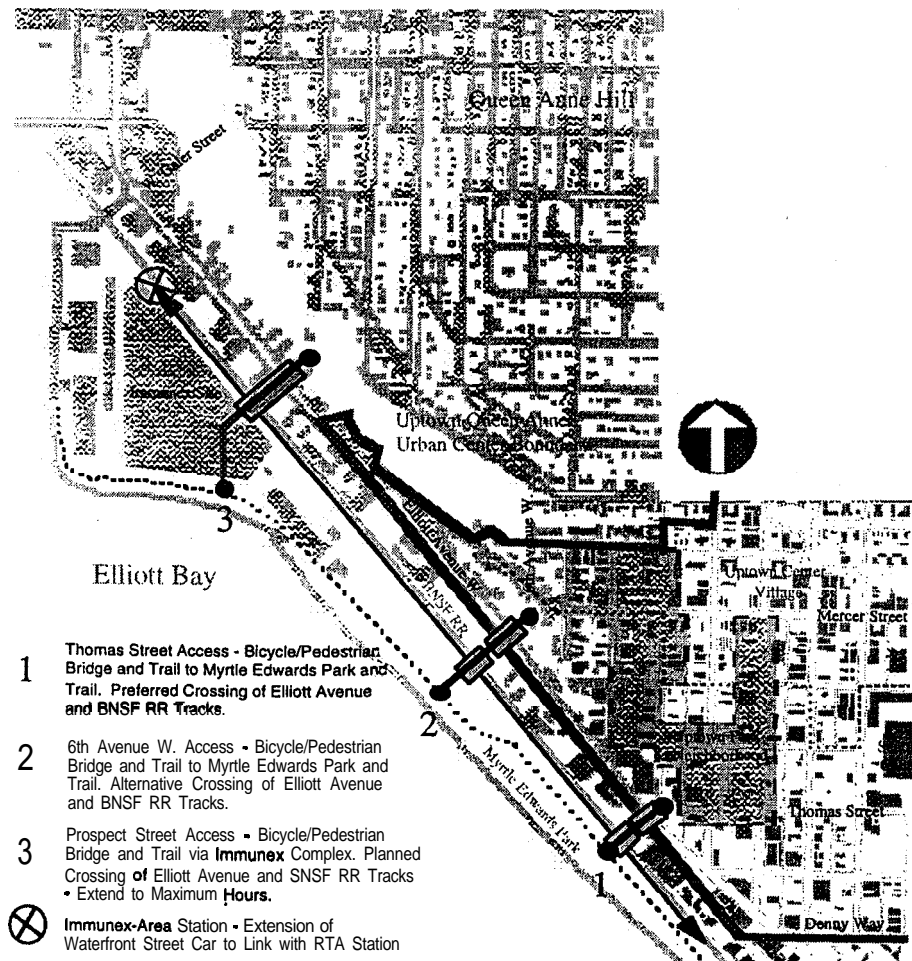
is intended to work in conjunction with the Counterbalance to ensure access to the top of Queen Anne Hill, as well. A key element of the Beltway is a system of connections between the existing bicycle facility in Myrtle Edwards and Elliott Bay Parks and Elliott Avenue (also see the Elliott Bay Access Specific Plan for additional information on these connections).

Objective

To provide a safe and convenient bicycle alternative to the workday automobile commute for Queen Anners and residents of other nearby neighborhoods by completing the existing network of bicycle facilities to create a comprehensive system of bicycle facilities which will encircle Queen Anne Hill.

ELLIOTT BAY ACCESS - RECLAIMING ELLIOTT BAY, QUEEN ANNE'S LOST AMENITY

Figure 4.5



Elliott Bay Access

provide access for the railroad, and later to construct Elliott Avenue and develop commercial and industrial facilities such as the Port of Seattle's Grain Terminal. A continuous shoreline park system, Myrtle Edwards Park (City of Seattle) and Elliott Bay Park (Port of Seattle) was subsequently constructed along Elliott Bay to mitigate this loss of shoreline access and provides important public recreational amenities such as trails and bicycle facilities. Access to the shoreline is incomplete, however, and the value of these parks is currently diminished because they remain separated from the

The Elliott Bay Access Specific Plan focuses on realizing Queen Anne's close proximity to Elliott Bay and the existing shoreline recessional amenities there which have been off-limits to Queen Anners with the construction of the railroad and development of industrial shore lands. This specific plan works in conjunction with the Queen Anne Bicycle Beltway Specific Plan. The goal of the Elliott Bay Access Specific Plan is to reclaim access to the Elliott Bay shoreline via Myrtle Edwards and Elliott Bay Parks. The Elliott Bay Access Specific Plan is shown in the accompanying figure.

Queen Anne has always enjoyed a close proximity to Elliott Bay and Puget Sound and historically defined the shoreline's edge. Throughout the 20th Century, however, the shoreline of Elliott Bay has been continually pushed westward, first to



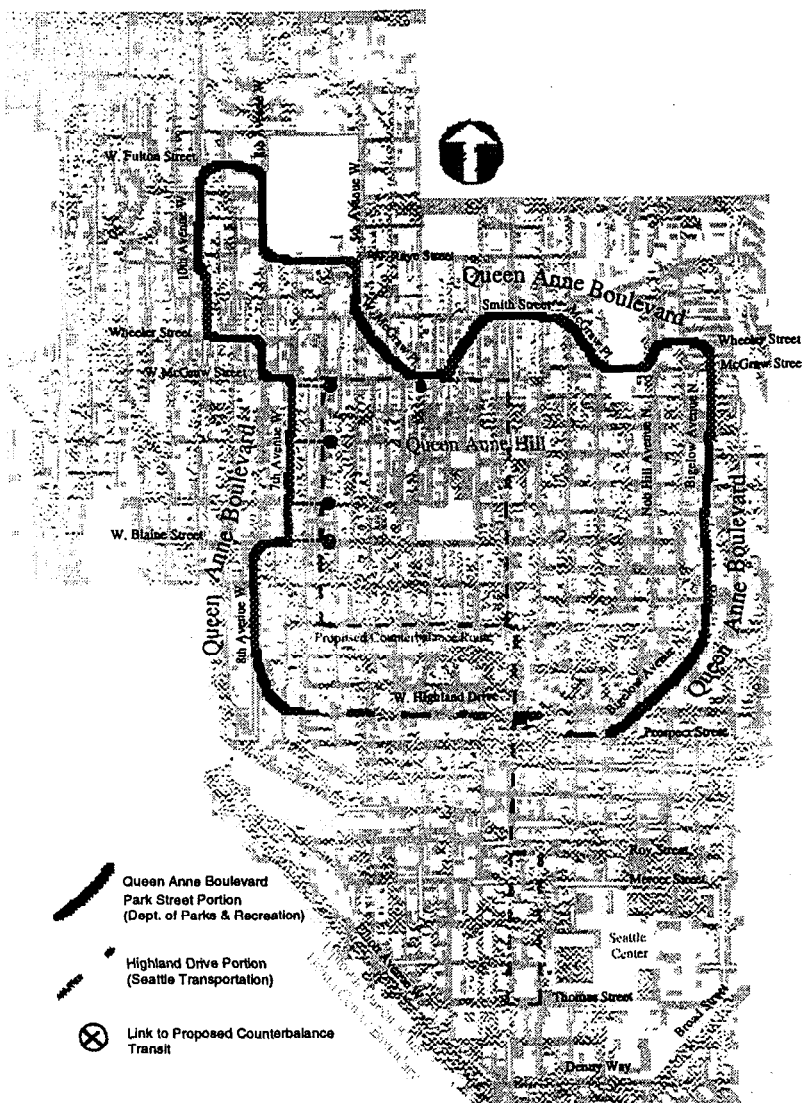
community which needs them the most, Queen Anne. Today the Uptown Queen Anne neighborhood overlooks not only the shoreline parks which should have been a part of their community, but also the barriers which separate them - Elliott Avenue and the BNSF RR tracks.

Of importance is the close proximity of the Elliott Bay shoreline and the proposed access points to existing and future residents of the Uptown Park Neighborhood and Uptown Center. The access routes proposed will directly benefit these new urban neighborhoods and provide recreational and open space amenities to families and employees alike. Further north, connections will serve residents of Uptown Center and Queen Anne Hill. The improvements recommended in the Elliott Bay Access Specific Plan are modest, but the rewards of implementing these strategies will be profound for Queen Anne.

Objective

To provide needed access to the Elliott Bay shoreline and shoreline parks and open space. The close proximity to shoreline facilities and the present and future need for recreation and open space amenities in the Urban Center mandate that access be provided.

Figure 4.6



Crown of Queen Anne

CROWN OF QUEEN ANNE - HISTORIC QUEEN ANNE BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION

The Crown of Queen Anne Specific Plan will revitalize historic Queen Anne Boulevard for the 21st Century and is shown in the accompanying figure. The Boulevard's value as an urban trail and needed recreational amenity is well-recognized. It is appreciated by many Queen Anners and visitors for a diverse variety of uses. The Boulevard not only provides automobile access to Upper Queen Anne neighborhoods, but it also provides a recreational and aesthetic amenity to Queen Anners and visitors alike. This historic park street is used at all hours by working adults for walking and jogging; it is a strolling path for families with small children; and it provides a place for seniors to exercise. The Boulevard offers shade in the summer, beautifully autumn color in the fall, and an open and sunny landscaped path in the winter. It circulate through all parts of Queen Anne Hill and crosses demographics. *The Queen Anne Plan* believes that a vital Queen Anne Boulevard will help Queen



Anne retain its unique historic character into the 21st Century.

The Seattle Comprehensive Plan recognizes that cultural resources, such as Queen Anne Boulevard, will enhance a sustainable Seattle. The Cultural Resources Element and Action Plan addresses the place of such cultural resources thusly:

Because of limited opportunities for developing large parks in densely-developed urban villages, expand the use of streets...as public gathering places....Foster public life throughout the city by providing open spaces that are well-integrated in to the neighborhoods they serve and function as "public living rooms" for informal gathering and recreation... P. II

Historic Queen Anne Boulevard is composed of 14 separate street segments, some with typical street sections, others with more typical "boulevard" sections of varying width. Design and implementation occurred incrementally as has repair and modification over time. The Seattle Parks and Recreation-held portion of the Boulevard is 3.4 miles long. The entire circuit, including the Highland Drive segment which has not been considered "Boulevard" in the past and is not landmarked, is 4.1 miles. The *Queen Anne Plan* considers all segments of this "Crown of Queen Anne" important and refers to the entire length as **Historic Queen Anne Boulevard**.

A growing population, changing demographics, and a new awareness of the role of exercise in health and longevity are fueling a strong use of Seattle's streets for exercise and recreation, as envisioned by the authors of the Cultural Resources Element. The entire circular route has become Queen Anne's "living room." At any time of day and in any weather, people can be seen walking, jogging, bicycling, pushing strollers or walkers on all segments of the Boulevard and enjoying the views it provides. The Crown of Queen Anne has become the "Green Lake Trail" of this **31,000-resident** Queen Anne neighborhood.

The Crown of Queen Anne is fairing poorly, however, and this is well-known among Queen Anners. The Boulevard's green park edges are poorly maintained, over-used, encroached upon, used for vehicle parking, neglected by its managers, the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, and provides limited safety for the many pedestrians that use it. The Crown of Queen Anne is Queen Anne's largest park, but it is also Queen Anne's most abused park. The Crown of Queen Anne will require **revitalization** to ensure its integrity as a park, as a **boulevard** and a historic landmark, and as a safe recreational and aesthetic amenity.

Objective

To revitalize the historic Queen Anne Boulevard to serve as a vital Queen Anne transportation facility and as Queen Anne's largest urban park. To recognize the importance of the Boulevard to Queen Anne's history, character, and quality of life and to enhance and maintain this amenity into the 21st Century.

GOOD NEIGHBOR SEATTLE CENTER - ENHANCING RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY

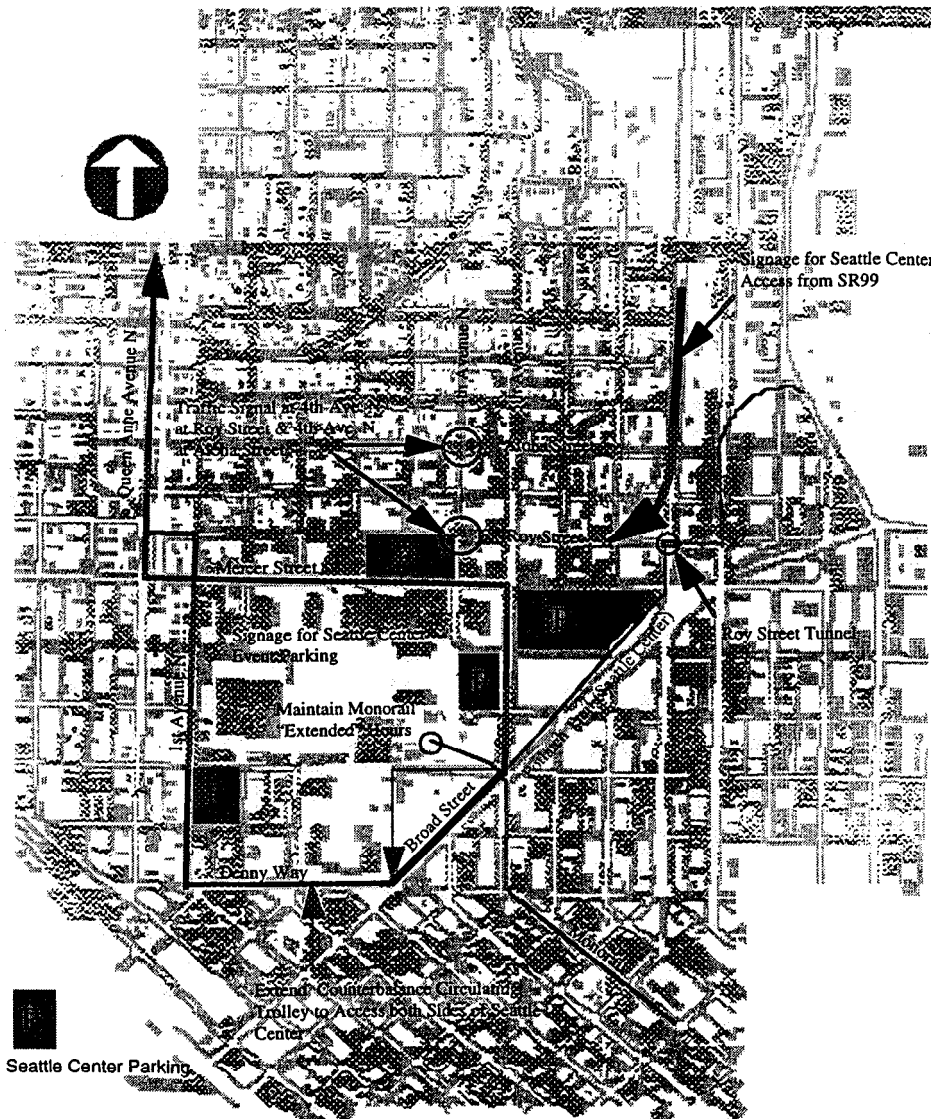
Seattle Center has been an important and influential feature of the Queen Anne community since the Century 21 Exposition, Seattle's World Fair, in the early 1960s. The very symbol of the City itself, the Space Needle, is located in Queen Anne and, not surprisingly, this is where Queen Anne's planning process first went to the community to solicit ideas. Seattle Center has been recognized as an important stakeholder throughout the planning process and was specifically referred to in the Queen Anne Vision:

Queen Anne, a varied and exciting community in the heart of the city is embarking on a planning process to achieve a future with:



.... a vibrant Seattle Center, as both a valuable community resource and a premier regional amenity.

Figure 4.7



. Good Neighbor Seattle Center

The essential strategies identified in this specific plan seek to promote alternative mobility choices in and around Seattle Center as well as to reduce the Center's traffic and parking impacts on the local community. The focus of these actions will be enhanced communication and guidance for incoming motorists and the provision of alternative transportation modes within and around the Center for visitors.

Objective

To promote more efficient mobility and enhanced access to and around Seattle Center and to reduce potential traffic/parking impacts on the Uptown Queen Anne community.

As neighbors, the Queen Anne community and Seattle Center have worked together to identify common issues and to seek solutions. Representatives from Seattle Center have been active in the planning process and have helped shape the ***Queen Anne Plan***. The Queen Anne Neighborhood Planning Committee recognized that it was essential to work closely with Seattle Center to ensure that the Seattle Center Departmental goals are aligned with the Queen Anne community's goals and that the Queen Anne Plan seeks to find a balance between the needs of the community and the needs of the Center. The Good Neighbor Seattle Center Specific Plan focuses on a series of mobility- and traffic-related strategies which will be included in the update of the ***Seattle Center Master Plan*** as well as in the ***Queen Anne Plan***.



QUEEN ANNE PLAN PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

The foundation of the *Queen Anne Plan* is its Planning Recommendations or identified “Planned Actions” which are individual strategies and projects which the Queen Anne Neighborhood Planning Committee identified during the Phase II. These recommendations are intended to address the issues raised during Phase I. A total of 154 recommendations or potential projects were identified.

The Queen Anne Planning Recommendations were developed by QANPC Topical Committees and reviewed and adopted by the entire QANPC. The full list of all 154 individual Planning Recommendations is presented in the *Queen Anne Plan*, Part 2 in “Matrix” or tabular format. Two separate Matrices are included:

Full Matrix: Includes all 154 Queen Anne Planning Recommendations for complete reference. This is a listing of all planned actions which the QANPC has identified and which are listed by topic.

Essential Strategies Matrix Includes only the Planning Recommendations or actions from the Full Matrix which are essential to the seven Specific Plans.

The Full Matrix provides a detailed description of each of the Planning Recommendations which may or may not be essential to the *Queen Anne Plan* Specific Plans. Each of these actions were identified as potential important projects which would enhance the Queen Anne community. Project priorities have been ranked as “High,” “Medium,” or “Low” according to the preferences of the QANPC. Other factors outside the immediate planning process (e.g., City budget, property-owner support, technical feasibility, etc.) may ultimately determine the implementability of each project.

The actions which are listed as essential to the implementation of the Specific Plans in the Essential Strategies Matrix are considered the highest priority for implementation. These have **been selected** from the Full Matrix.

Please refer to Section 5.0 of Part 2 of the *Queen Anne Plan* for individual Planning Recommendations.

CONCLUSION

The Queen Anne neighborhood planning process has been an extensive collaborative 3-year project which has created a substantial body of work. The process was conducted in conjunction with the City of Seattle’s Neighborhood Planning program and was directed by the Queen Anne community with assistance from City staff and a professional planning consultant team. Public outreach was extensive and many community issues **and** ideas were identified. The Plan was created to address these issues and provide a 20-year framework for action.

The Queen Anne Plan consists of three important and interrelated components - Goals and Policies (to provide the framework), Specific Plans (integrated strategies to address issues), and Planning Recommendations (individual actions or projects to be accomplished and upon which the Specific Plans are built). The Goals and Policies provide policy statements which the QANPC believes best meet the current and future needs of the Queen Anne neighborhood. The Specific Plans provide a series of overarching concepts to implement the Plan. The Planning Recommendations provide the foundation for all action.

The Queen Anne neighborhood planning process is still underway. This Public Review Draft is intended to provide an opportunity to community participation and input. This draft will be used to conduct Queen Anne’s “Validation” process in which Queen Anne stakeholders and the City of Seattle review, comment, and further shape the planning process.

